



REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: US Army Garrison, Alaska Holiday **Safety** Message

1. Each year, the third Monday of January is observed **as** a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During this period, as we pay respect to Dr. King, I encourage all military and civilian personnel to take advantage of this extended **weekend** to relax and enjoy some quality time with friends and family. With this in mind, I **ask** each of **you** to maintain awareness of your surrounding and be safe and considerate of others.

2. Recent weather conditions have **caused** hazardous road and driving conditions throughout the State of Alaska. Please, drive defensively.

a. Stay alert, maintain a safe driving speed and be prepared to react to an emergency situation.

b. Avoid drinking and driving, and if **you** do drink, have a designated driver or use alternate means of transportation.

c. If you travel, monitor weather conditions and heed weather warnings. Remember to inform someone of your travel plans.

d. Don't forget to BUCKLE UP and secure children in an appropriate child safety **seats**. Remember, in the event of an accident, your **seatbelt** is your primary defense,

3. During this time of year, many people will participate in a variety of outdoor recreational activities such as snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing. If your plans include **any** of these or similar activities I urge you:

a. Use only areas that are designated/authorized for the particular activity. Stay within designated boundaries, follow trail markers and **heed** information/warnings/signs.


b. Dress appropriately, in **layers**. If in a remote area have emergency equipment and if necessary be prepared (food, water, additional clothing and shelter) for an overnight stay.

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c. **Let someone know when and where you are going and your estimated time of return. If appropriate, file a trip plan and always travel in pairs, especially in remote "backcountry" areas. Maintain visual contact with small children and brief them on appropriate actions in the event of wildlife encounters.**

4. I urge commanders, directors and supervisors at all levels to prepare their personnel (military and civilian) for the holiday and the winter months ahead. Encourage your Soldiers and civilian personnel to share this information with their friends and families. It takes the personal commitment and involvement of everyone to truly make a difference. Have a great weekend and Be Safe!


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